HOUSE No. 292

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, petition of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., relative to supplemental annual retirement allowances for widows of certain public employees. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr. Thomas P. Kennedy Susan W. Pope Pamela P. Resor Anne M. Paulsen Colleen M. Garry Viriato Manuel deMacedo Robert P. Spellane Elizabeth A. Poirier Thomas J. O'Brien Marian Walsh Joyce A. Spiliotis Mark V. Falzone Thomas M. McGee Paul J. Donato Brian Paul Golden

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN WIDOWS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 101 of chapter 32 of the General Laws,
- 2 as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
- 3 inserting after the words "six thousand dollars", in line 8, the
- 4 following words:— or in the amount of \$8000 in a retirement
- 5 system accepting the supplemental annual allowance provided for
- 6 by this section.
- 1 SECTION 2. Section 101 of chapter 32 of the General Laws,
- 2 as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting at the end
- 3 thereof the following new sentences:— Any retirement system
- 4 may accept the supplemental annual allowance, provided for by
- 5 this section and fixed at the rate of \$8000, by a majority vote of
- 6 the board of each such system, subject to the approval of the leg-

- 7 islative body. For the purposes of this section, "legislative body"
- 8 shall mean, in the case of a city, the city council in accordance
- 9 with its charter, in the case of a town, the town meeting, in the
- 10 case of a county, the county retirement board advisory council, in
- 11 the case of a region, the regional retirement board advisory
- 12 council, in the case of a district, the district members, and, in the
- 13 case of an authority, the governing body. Acceptance shall be
- 14 deemed to have occurred upon the filing of a certification of such
- 15 votes with the commission. For purposes of this section, the state
- 16 teachers' and state employees' retirement systems shall be
- 17 deemed to have accepted the supplemental annual allowance pro-
- 18 vided for by this section.